(b) if so, what are the measures taken to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) While small number of Chakma refugees continue to enter India from Bangladesh at intervals, in June 1988 a group of 155 refugees entered India.

(b) Government have been maintaining continuous contact with the Bangladesh Government to persuade them to take the necessary steps which would create conditions of peace and security in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh so that the Chakmas do not feel the need to flee their homeland and come to India.

Problems in operation of Bofors gun

311. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 29th May, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Bofors guns have developed minor problem in operation;

(b) whether some more guns have been found defective;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Certain minor faults, which had developed in a few Bofors Guns. were rectified by a Technical Team of the supplier stationed in India.

Withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka

312. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM:
SHRI M. VINCENT:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will he Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some units of the IPKF have been withdrawn from Sri Lanka recently;

(b) if so, what was the number of IPKF personnel in Sri Lanka as on the 31st March, 1988;

(c) what are the casualties since the IPKF forces landed in Sri Lanka under the Sri Lanka-India Agreement and

(d) whether any time limit has been set for total withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 48,803.

(c) 530 killed and 1,567 wounded as on 25-7-88.

(d) The duration of the IPKF's stay in Sri Lanka has to be seen in the perspective of the implementation of the Indo Sri Lanka Agreement.

Bangladesh move to construct flyover at Tinbigha

313. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bangladesh proposes to contruct a flyover at Tinbigha linking its enclaves viz. Dahagram and Angrapota, which are in Indian territory, with Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the Bangladesh proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Attacks on Indians in USA

314. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were recently a number of racial attacks on Indian community living in U.S.A.;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indians in US resorted to hunger strike due to the attacks on them;

(c) what is the total number of Indians killed; and

(d) whether the Government of India have taken up this matter with the US Government, if so, whether any report from the Indian Consulate General has been obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian community leaders in Jersey City threatened to go on hunger strike but did not do so after receiving assurances from the Jersey City authorities.

(c) According to information available, 3 members of the Indian community have been killed since September 1987.

(d) The Indian Missions in Washington and New York took up this matter strongly with the concerned federal and local authorities. The U.S. State Department and the Jersey City Authorities took a number of steps to enhance protection for the Indian community and to bring about social cohesion.

Smuggling of HDW Submarine blue prints to South Africa

315. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:
PROF. SOURINDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Indian Express dated 3rd July, 1988 that Mr. Norbert Gansel, a leading Social Democratic Party member of the West German Parliament, has said in an interview that HDW had sold 95 per cent of blue prints of the submarines built in India to South Africa thereby violating the secrecy clauses in the Indian contact and India as the leader of the non-aligned and anti-apartheid movements did not protest and that the said blue prints were smuggled into South Africa in diplomatic baggage;

(b) if so, what are the details of the interview by Mr. Norbert Gansel;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the sale of the said blue prints to South Africa; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have seen the newspaper report published in the Indian Express of 3rd July, 1988 relating to the interview given by Mr. Norbert Gansel, a Member of the Social Democratic Party of the Federal Republic of Germany.

(c) and (d) Enquiries have been made by the Government of India with both M/s HDW and the Government of the